

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AMARILLO DIVISION

MICHAEL BENJAMIN JOHNSON,

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Petitioner,

§

v.

2:16-CV-0203

LORIE DAVIS, Director,

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice,
Correctional Institutions Division,

§

Respondent.

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**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
and DENYING PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

Petitioner has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus challenging a state prison disciplinary decision. On September 16, 2016, the United States Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation in this cause, recommending therein that the habeas application be denied because petitioner is not eligible for mandatory supervised release. No objections to the Report and Recommendation have been filed as of this date.

“As a general rule, only sanctions which result in loss of good conduct time credits for inmates who are eligible for release on mandatory supervision or which otherwise directly and adversely affect release on mandatory supervision will impose upon a liberty interest.” *Spicer v. Collins*, 9 F.Supp. 2d 673, 685 (E.D. Tex. 1998) (citing *Orellana v. Kyle*, 65 F.3d 29, 31-33 (5th Cir. 1995), cert. denied, 516 U.S. 1059 (1996)). Petitioner is not eligible for release on mandatory supervision, therefore, any forfeited good time credits apply only toward his eligibility for parole. Prisoners in Texas possess no constitutionally protected right to release on parole as

such release is discretionary. Because petitioner is ineligible for early release under the Texas mandatory supervision scheme, he has no constitutionally protected interest in previously earned good-time credits.

The undersigned United States District Judge has made an independent examination of the record in this case. The Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation is hereby ADOPTED. Accordingly, the application for a writ of habeas corpus filed by petitioner is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTERED this 4th day of October 2016.


MARY LOU ROBINSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE